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SUMMARY: AT ITS JULY 8, 1977 MEETING THE COUNCIL OPERATIONS
AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE (COEC) ADDRESSED THE WINTEX 77 FINAL
REPORT AND THE USE OF AN ORANGE RESPONSE CELL DURING HILEX-
8. UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, THE CHAIRMAN RAISED THE ISSUE
OF WINTEX/CIMEX 79 AND ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD BE CON-
SIDERED BY THE DPC AT ITS JULY 13, 1977 MEETING. ACTION
REQUESTED: SEE PARAGRAPHS 1, 3, 4 AND 5 BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. UNDER ITEM I THE WINTEX 77 FINAL REPORT WAS ADDRESSED.
THE UK REP (HEDLEY) TABLED A PAPER (TEXT FOLLOWS IN PARA 7
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BELOW) WHICH PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARAGRAPHS 14, 20 AND 21
OF THE REPORT. IN PARA 14 THE UK PROPOSED USE OF THE COEC
AS THE ALTER EGO OF THE DPC DURING FUTURE EXERCISE PLAY.
THIS PROPOSAL MET WITH VIOLENT OBJECTION FROM THE CHAIRMAN
(MACBRIEN) AND SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS. AFTER CONSIDERABLE
DISCUSSION, THE UK REP AGREED TO DELETE REFERENCE TO THE
COEC IN HIS PROPOSAL. COMMENT: WITH THIS DELETION, WE SEE

NO OBJECTION TO USING THE UK TEXT OR THE TEXT CONTAINED IN THE FINAL REPORT. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT WE BE GIVEN LATITUDE TO AGREE TO THE TEXT SUPPORTED BY THE CONSENSUS OF THE COEC AT ITS NEXT MEETING. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY JULY 27, 1977.

2. THE UK REP ALSO NOTED THAT HE HAD SEVERAL OTHER CHANGES TO THE FINAL REPORT. THE CHAIRMAN DEFERRED DISCUSSION OF ANY OF THESE PROPOSED CHANGES AND REQUESTED THE UK REP TO PUT THEM IN WRITING FOR CIRCULATION. COMMENT: WE WILL PROVIDE TEXTS AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

3. PARAGRAPHS 20 AND 21 CONCERN THE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH GENERAL ALERT AND THE REQUIREMENT TO CHANGE MC 67/3(FINAL). AGAIN THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION CONCERNING THESE PARAGRAPHS. THE UK REP FINALLY AGREED TO STRIKE THAT PORTION OF PARA 20 CONTAINED WITHIN THE PARENTHESES AND WHICH BEGINS "WHICH, BECAUSE OF THE ABSOLUTE..." COMMENT: WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE CONTENT OF PARA 21 SINCE IT GENERALLY TRACKS WITH OUR VIEW THAT MC 76/3 SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED BUT RATHER THAT CMM-1 SHOULD BE CLARIFIED. WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 20, HOWEVER, WE NOTE THAT THE UK SUBMISSION DELETES THE REFERENCE TO "EXERCISE ARTIFICIALITIES". WE BELIEVE THIS COULD BE MISLEADING AND THAT WE SHOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO INSERT SOME PHRASEOLOGY CONCERNING EXERCISE ARTIFICIALITIES IN THE UK TEXT. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE
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BY JULY 27.

4. UNDER ITEM II OF THE AGENDA CONCERNED WITH THE ORANGE RESPONSE CELL THE CHAIRMAN, SUPPORTED BY THE SHAPE REP (BAGNALL), MADE A STRONG PITCH FOR NOT INCLUDING AN ORANGE RESPONSE CELL IN WINTEX EXERCISES. FOLLOWING THAT, THE CHAIRMAN SURVEYED THE COEC FOR ITS REACTION. ALL DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED THE CONCEPT FOR AN ORANGE RESPONSE CELL IN HILEX-8. HOWEVER, MOST INDICATED THAT THIS SHOULD BE A TRIAL EXERCISE AND THAT PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION OF SUCH A CELL IN LATER EXERCISES SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE RESULTS OF ITS USE IN HILEX-8 WERE MORE CLEARLY KNOWN. IN ADDITION, THE UK, THE FRG, POSSIBLY CANADA, AND THE US OFFERED A POLITICAL EXPERT TO PARTICIPATE. THE IMS AGREED TO PROVIDE TWO MILITARY EXPERTS TO THE RESPONSE CELL. THE CHAIRMAN ASKED THAT THE US AGREE TO THE DELETION OF WINTEX AS A CANDIDATE FOR ORANGE RESPONSE CELL USE (SEE PARA 11 OF THE WINTEX FINAL REPORT). IN VIEW OF THE PROBABILITY THAT THE CIMEX PORTION OF WINTEX/CIMEX 79 IS GOING TO PROCEED, WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD AGREE TO THE DELETION OF THE REFERENCE TO WINTEX EXERCISES IN PARA 11 OF THE WINTEX 77 FINAL REPORT. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY

JULY 27.

5. UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, THE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE SUBJECT OF WINTEX/CIMEX 79 WOULD BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE DPC AT ITS JULY 13, 1977 MEETING. AN INFORMAL SURVEY OF THE COEC REPS REVEALED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE SCEPC MEETING IN LATE JUNE, MOST NATIONS ARE NOW WILLING TO PROCEED WITH THE CIMEX PORTION OF THE WINTEX/CIMEX 79 EXERCISE. THE NETHERLANDS (HOFMAN) AND CANADIAN (LUNN) REPS CONTINUED TO VOICE SOME RESERVATIONS, HOWEVER WE BELIEVE THAT BOTH

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NATIONS WILL AGREE TO SOME FORM OF CIMEX INVOLVEMENT. WE WILL ADDRESS THIS SUBJECT VIA SEPTTEL.

6. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COEC IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 29, 1977. THE PRINCIPAL ORDER OF BUSINESS WILL BE THE FINALIZATION OF THE WINTEX 77 REPORT.

7. BEGIN TEXT OF UK SUBMISSION:

1. REDRAFT OF PARAGRAPH 14

"FROM THE ABOVE, IT MAY BE CONCLUDED THAT, AS REGARDS THE GENERAL QUESTION OF DPC PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE WINTEXES (1), FOUR OPTIONS ARE OPEN:

(A) TO PLAY, AS IN WINTEX 77, OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD AT THE LEVEL OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OR THEIR DEPUTIES

(ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY ON A 24-HOUR BASIS THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD).

(B) TO PLAY, AS INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 13 ABOVE, AT PERMA-
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NENT REPRESENTATIVE OR DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE LEVEL FOR SELECTED PERIODS CHOSEN FOR THE BENEFIT TO BE GAINED FROM PARTICIPATION IN THEM. IN THE INTERVENING PERIODS, THE DPC COULD BE REPRESENTED BY A MULTI-NATIONAL BODY SUCH AS COEC TO ENABLE NATIONAL POSITIONS, AS EXPRESSED BY CAPITALS, TO BE REPRESENTED AND RECONCILED AS NECESSARY.

(C) TO PLAY AT A LOWER LEVEL SUCH AS COEC THROUGHOUT THE EXERCISE, EXCEPT POSSIBLY IN THE NUCLEAR PHASE.

(D) NOT TO PLAY ACTIVELY, BUT, IN ORDER TO ALLOW MILITARY PLAY TO CONTINUE, TO SIMULATE DPC DECISIONS BY MEANS OF A STAFF RESPONSE CELL."

2. REDRAFT OF PARAGRAPHS 20-21

20. "ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DECLARATION OF GENERAL ALERT AND THE DESIGNATION OF AGGRESSOR NATIONS GAVE RISE TO CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION AND SOME CONCERN OVER PROCEDURES. IN PARTICULAR A NUMBER OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER THE MNCS HAD ADEQUATE POWERS TO COUNTER AGGRESSION BEFORE THE FORMAL DECLARATION OF GENERAL ALERT (WHICH, BECAUSE OF THE ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT FOR POLITICAL APPROVAL, CAN ONLY BE DONE 'IMMEDIATELY AFTER' AND NOT 'ON' THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES AS STATED IN THE EXISTING DEFINITIONS). ON DESIGNATION OF HOSTILE NATIONS, THE LACK OF CLEARLY ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES FOR THIS LED TO CONFUSION AND DELAY.

21. A DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THESE QUESTIONS WAS CONDUCTED BY THE COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISES COMMITTEE IN 1973 FOLLOWING HILEX-5, AS A RESULT OF WHICH THE POLICY DOCUMENT MC 67/3(FINAL) WAS REVISED. WHILE THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES
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IN MC 67/3(FINAL) REMAIN SOUND (AND THE MNCS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THEY ARE SATISFIED WITH THE AUTHORITY THEY ARE GIVEN TO REACT TO AN ATTACK PRIOR TO DECLARATION OF GENERAL ALERT) IT IS CLEAR THAT THE SECTIONS IN THE NATO CRISIS MANAGEMENT MANUAL (CMM-1) RELATING TO GENERAL ALERT, DESIGNATION OF

HOSTILE NATIONS AND ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT OF AN
ATTACK NEED TO BE CLARIFIED. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE SHOULD BE
NO DOUBT THAT, WHENEVER CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT, CAPITALS,
THE DPC AND THE MILITARY COMMITTEE SHOULD START TO GIVE
PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION TO DECLARATION OF GENERAL ALERT
AND DESIGNATION OF HOSTILE NATIONS WELL BEFORE MNCS'
REQUESTS ARE RECEIVED, SINCE THIS WOULD ALLOW MANY OF THE
POLITICAL FACTORS TO BE THOROUGHLY EXPLORED BEFORE AN
ATTACK OCCURS AND WOULD FACILITATE A RAPID RESPONSE TO THE
MNCS' REQUESTS." END TEXT.

8. REF PARA 3 ABOVE, NUMERAL IN LINE 8 SHOULD READ 67/3
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